



FEBRUARY 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 22nd: U13 & U15 Netball Matches against Lighthouse
- 23rd: Open Morning Year 7 and up
- 25th-1st: AS Mock Examinations
- 27th-28th: School Photos

MARCH 2019

- 1st: Middle School Coffee Morning
U13 & U15 Football Matches vs Lighthouse
- 4th: Public Holiday: Maha Shivaratri
- 5th-8th: Mock Examinations
- 7th: Sixth Form Subject Choice Evening
- 8th: Whole School Photo Day
- 9th: Northfields Golf Day
- 11th: National Day Celebration
- 12th: Public Holiday: National Day
- 13th-19th: Elevate Study Skills Workshop
- 14th: IGCSE Subject Choice Evening
- 15th: Year 5/6 Netball & Football matches against Lighthouse
- 16th: Open Morning Year 5 & 6
- 26th: Silver & Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony
- 29th: U18 Football and Basketball Festival at Le Bocage
- 30th-6th: Year 7/8 Kenya Outdoor Adventure

APRIL 2019

- 1st-5th: Interhouse Spelling Bee
- 2nd-5th: CAS trip to Rodrigues with Year 9
- 3rd: Parents' Consultation Day (Year 5&6)
Education USA talk by Iqbal Maheraly (Year 11-12)
- 5th: Last day of Term 2

This term has started with plenty of activity on both the academic and cultural fronts. Our students have been working well in their lessons, with our younger year groups benefitting from our ongoing staff development and implementation of MYP approaches to teaching and learning as a candidate school. We are very pleased with the progress being made and look forward to our first visits from the IBO team in April and May this year. Preparing for these visits, together with our upcoming CIS membership evaluation visit in April, has been a major driver of progress and improvement for our entire team this year.

Likewise, we all have been geared up in full support of our senior year groups as many enter the final stages of preparation for their IGCSE, A Level and IB Diploma examinations this year. The Mock Exam period has been a good experience for them and has allowed them to gain a clear idea of how to fine-tune their learning and revision with the support of their teachers. We will also be providing our Enhanced Boarding programme again for those students who are interested in participating.

As an added feature this year, we are very fortunate to be welcoming a dynamic team specialising in study skills and examination preparation to lead workshops for our Middle School and Sixth Form students next month. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to focus on ways of maximising their learning as they move through the more academically demanding years ahead. Dedicated presentations will also be made available to staff and parents. More information on

these special sessions will be provided to parents over the coming week.

Our sporting and cultural activities have continued in true Northfields fashion this term as well. As you will see in this edition of our newsletter, we have celebrated several special events and achievements already, and we are very proud of the talent and determination of our staff and students across the board.

This term will continue to offer exceptional opportunities for our students to learn and our community to come together in support of the school. Many thanks again go to our Parent Committee for their hard work and commitment in this area. I hope to see you all at our upcoming events and look forward to sharing more on our achievements at the end of term.

Phyllis Philogène
Principal



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VISIT FROM A FORMER STUDENT



On the 11th January, we were very fortunate to have the presence of Miss Nakshidil Sadien, ex-student of Northfields who gave a wonderful talk on her experience of studying and living in the United States. Currently she is on the verge of completing her Masters Degree in sustainable finance in the US.

She encouraged students to take on the IB Diploma as it prepares students so well for university life; she also shared with us her experience working in Germany. She has been an active public speaker in a number of areas and this has helped her build tremendous confidence over the years.

We thank Nakshidil so much for her time and wish her all the best as she embarks on another exciting phase of her career.

VALENTINE'S DAY



On the 14th February, Northfields celebrated Valentine's Day. It was a civvies day and students had to come dressed in Red, White or Pink. Our Year 12 students organised a bake sale as well as a rose delivery drive. It was an astounding success and we would like to thank all who contributed towards making this day a success, especially to the Year 12's!

ECO-SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The Eco-school Programme is progressing at a fast pace. Our teachers are working hard to implement environmental themes in their curriculum, this will enable our students to reflect on their impact on the environment. We are also in the process of revamping the school's recycling program; composite bins (using recyclable materials) will be set up around the school. The SRC and other dedicated teachers are finalising the ecological review and students will have the opportunity to develop an action plan for the school.

Look out for loads of great initiatives coming up soon.

EVENTS

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING GALA



Congratulations to all the swimmers, supporters, officials, ground staff and parents who all contributed towards making the day such a successful one.

The Interhouse Swimming Gala opened with the house parades and war cries. The spirit displayed by the houses was incredible throughout the day and everyone did their houses proud. The standard of swimming was outstanding and it was great to see how hard the students had been working leading up to the gala. Apart from a brief shower, we were generally very lucky with the weather and everything ran according to schedule. The gala ended with a fun, but competitive race between the senior students and staff.

Congratulations to Phoenix on winning both trophies, the Interhouse Cup and the Spirit Cup.



The final results were as follows:

Category Winners

Poussin – Rayan A.

Poussine – Holly S./Charlotte B.

Benjamin – Luca H.

Benjamine – Riley P.

Minim – Sebastian W.

Minime – Jenna R.

Cadet (B) – Noah G.

Cadet (G) – Arissa D.

Junior (B) – Michael P.

Junior (G) – Aurelie T.

Junior Victor Ludorum

Luca H./Sebastian W.

Junior Victrix Ludorum

Jenna R.

Senior Victor Ludorum

Noah G.

Senior Victrix Ludorum

Aurelie T.

Spirit trophy

Phoenix

House Cup

1. Phoenix - 633

2. Eagles - 561

3. Dolphins - 531



CHINESE NEW YEAR



On the 4th February, students and staff of Northfields gathered to usher in the Year of the Pig. To celebrate, our students put together a real treat for everyone. Our two very poised MC's Julie of Year 8 and Noah of Year 12 shared with us lots of fun facts on Chinese New Year celebrations.

An array of performances was also lined up by our talented students. The Years 5 & 6 did a beautiful umbrella dance fol-

lowed by the Year 7's who performed a fusion fan dance. We also had Julie sing a solo Chinese song. Two of our students then shared with us how the new year is ushered in their respective homes. To end the spectacular celebrations and to bring good luck and fortune, a lion dance troop performed.

What a fantastic day!



ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

Northfields voudrait féliciter les étudiants qui ont participé aux examens annuels de l'Alliance Française en 2018. Ce sont des examens de français langue première qui ont lieu en juillet, en octobre ou en novembre dépendant de l'âge de l'étudiant.

Pour le Concours Primaire, Nikhil S. a eu la mention TRÈS BIEN et des prix en écriture, grammaire et lecture. Doruk K. a quant à lui reçu la mention BIEN.

Pour le Concours Secondaire, Alisha B. a reçu la mention ASSEZ BIEN, Reva H. la mention BIEN et Emmy N. la mention TRÈS BIEN. Emmy a aussi reçu le 2e prix de Supériorité et le 2e prix de composition française.

Bravo à tous !

Northfields would like to congratulate students who have written the Alliance Française examinations in 2018. These are first language French examinations which take place in July, October or November depending on the student's age.

For the Primary section, Nikhil S. – mention TRÈS BIEN and Doruk K. – mention BIEN. Nikhil has won prizes in reading, writing and grammar.

For the Secondary section, Alisha B. – mention ASSEZ BIEN, Reva H. – mention BIEN et Emmy N. – mention TRÈS BIEN. Emmy has also received the overall 2nd national prize and the 2nd prize in essay writing in her age category.

Congratulations to everyone!



ESU PUBLIC SPEAKING

Once again this year Northfields was proudly represented by two of our Year 12 students- Sheetal M. and Kayla B. at the English Speaking Union's annual Public Speaking Competition. This year the competition was held on the 31st January at Curtin University in Moka.

In the heats for the North region, our students each had to prepare a speech on the topic of 'Lies have speed, truth as endurance.' As usual, our students did us very proud and we have Sheetal M. who will be advancing to the semi-finals, which will be held on the 15th of March 2019.

Competition was very fierce and we

would like to thank both Sheetal and Kayla for their outstanding effort in representing Northfields so commendably!

We look forward to the semi-finals and will keep you all posted!



MOCK EXAMINATIONS

All Year 11 and 13 students took part in a series of Mock Examinations in the month of January. Students sat exam papers in all their chosen subjects thus enabling them to understand and prepare for the finals which will take place in May/June 2019. This was followed by a Parents' Meeting to discuss student progress.

We thank Mrs Rosemary Abbott for her hard work in organizing these exams. We also thank our staff for their dedication and support to our students during this period.

CANA ZONE IV SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are pleased to announce that Noah G. has been selected to represent Mauritius at the CANA ZONE IV Swimming Championships which will be held for the 15th February to the 22nd in Namibia.

We wish Noah the best of luck.



AROYOUTH SEVEN

In January and February, players in the U16 and U18 teams from rugby clubs all over the island were invited to attend a pre-selection training session for l'Association Rugby de l'océan Indien (AROYOUTH) Youth Seven games to be held in Madagascar from 2-3 March 2019. Following these sessions, a few select players were invited to attend a rugby camp in Wolmar and from there, the final squad for both U16 and U18 teams were announced.

We are proud to say that three Northfields students were chosen from the Northern Pirates Rugby Club. These students are CJ W, Christian D. and Matthew P.

We wish them the best of luck for the upcoming competition!

